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`ONE INDIA` TELEPHONE CALL RATE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering `One India` telephone call rate;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Access Deficit Charges (ADC) would continue for the private telecom operator since the infrastructure was built with taxpayers money; and

(d) if not, the loss to BSNL and MTNL due to the use of their infrastructure by the private operators?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d): While Government is working towards One India call rate, the proposed measure is at initial stage. It is too early to determine its impact on Access Deficit Charge or on revenues of BSNL and MTNL.